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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**"October is Adopt A Shelter Dog Month!"**



**San Bernardino, CA** –The San Bernardino County Animal Care & Control Program and the shelters that they operate in Big Bear and Devore, are declaring October "Adopt a Shelter Dog Month".

Nothing says "welcome home" like a wagging tail and a pair of warm, loving eyes. Animal shelters always have a wide variety of pets to choose from including mixed and purebred dogs in a range of colors, sizes, ages, and oh the personalities!

So, if you are looking to add a new four-legged, friend to your family we would like to encourage you to visit your local animal shelter and adopt one of the many homeless dogs who are just waiting to shower you with affection. You can even visit our website at [www.sbcounty.gov/acc](http://www.sbcounty.gov/acc) and actually see all of the wonderful animals available for adoption!

As part of this special month, the Devore Animal Shelter is proud to be partnering with Diane Pearls of Pearls of Wisdom Dog Training to offer residents and new adopters the opportunity to ask questions about common dog behavior issues. Diane will be at the Devore Animal Shelter, which is located at 19777 Shelter Way in Devore, CA on Sunday, October 15, 2006 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Please support the shelter and our four-legged friends by visiting us for this very important educational opportunity!

Remember, the love of a pet is unconditional and it will last for years and years to come. Studies have shown that the mere presence of a pet can help lower heart rate and blood pressure, relieve stress, and actually add years to our lives. So why not celebrate Adopt a Shelter Dog Month by saving the life of a homeless dog while you extend your own? For more information, please call the San Bernardino County Animal Care & Control Program toll free at 1-800-472-5609. Thank you.

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